

# The Bulletin

## Special 1951 Edition For New Students

MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

### Cap and Gown Suggests Recipe For MWC Success

Cap and Gown is a senior honorary society whose members are selected during the last quarter of their junior year by outgoing members on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to the school. The candidates for membership must have a scholastic average two tenths of a point above the class average. The purpose of the organization is to promote college loyalty, to advance the spirit of service and fellowship among university women, and to stimulate the development of a finer type of college woman.

The members of Cap and Gown have put forth honest effort to fulfill the purpose of the organization. It seems like a large order; and yet, they have learned through experience in their three previous years at Mary Washington the way in which they can best demonstrate their leadership, practice their service to the school, and take advantage of their opportunities in the classroom to gain the recognition of scholarship. They have not gained these attributes in a week or a semester, but it is something they have worked for since the day they became Freshmen.

A challenge for you? You bet it is! And when we meet you this fall we will be extending a ready hand to help you in any and every way to start your journey down the road to success. What is that you are saying? You will need more than a ready hand? That is true, but it is not a difficult accomplishment if you are willing to take note of a few hints from us and put them into practice. The key word is **HARD WORK!** Hard work in your classes, hard work in daily assignments, hard work in forming true friendships, and hard work in keeping that smile on your face when the rest of the world seems full of gloom. Again I hear you saying—"But what fun is there in just plain hard work?" You will soon find that hard work becomes synonymous with pleasure, and you will feel lost when you do not have something for which you can expend your energy. The results of all your endeavor provide a satisfaction which will be of more value than anything that you will have learned in your days at college. Cap and Gown is cheering for you, new Freshmen!

### Interclub Council

Dear Freshmen:

On behalf of Interclub Council it is my pleasure to welcome you to Mary Washington. We shall do everything in our power to convince you that you are a part of us and help you parallel our sincere happiness here at M. W. C.

Interclub Council is composed of the presidents of all the organizations on campus. Our purpose is to enable each student to derive the greatest possible benefits from the extracurricular activities, to promote cooperation of all the clubs, and to insure a coordinated program at M. W. C.

We hope you will participate in extracurricular activities, so as to enrich your college life and derive the greatest possible satisfaction from your educational career. Through participation in clubs of your choice you may share your interests with other students who are interested in the same activities.

Sincerely,  
Pat Huston, Dayton, Ohio  
President Interclub Council

### Some Campus Leaders You Will Want To Know



Left to right, sitting—Mildred Kolarik, of Belcam, Md., secretary of Student Government; Nancy Parker of Whaleyville, Va., Big and Little Sister chairman; Mary Ann Fox of Sutton, W. Va., Freshman commissioner; Melita Whitcomb of Hillboro, New Jersey, president of Cap and Gown; Nancy Masley of Independence, Va., vice president of Y; Diana Buckwalter of Norfolk, Va., vice president of Recreation Association; Jackie Colbert of Arlington, Va., president of Cornell, Freshman Dormitory.  
Left to right, standing—Anne Smith of Norfolk, Va., president of Willard, Freshman Dormitory; Corley Gibson of Mahwah, New Jersey, secretary of Recreation Association; Becky Spitzer of New Hope, Va., treasurer of Student Government; Pris Roberts of West Hartford, Conn., secretary of Y; Shirley Bowman of Baltimore, Md., treasurer of Y; Paula Crossley of West Hartford, Conn., librarian of Recreation Association.

## Freshman Orientation Program Is Outlined For Fall Of 1951

Since college officials realize that the first few days of a freshman's college life are apt to be somewhat bewildering to her, they have planned a Freshman Orientation Program which has a fourfold purpose:

1. To welcome the freshman into the college community.
  2. To provide her an opportunity for "making herself at home" and becoming acquainted with the college.
  3. To give her information and advice that will help her become adjusted to her new environment.
  4. To help her in the routines of entrance and registration.
- Although conditions may necessitate some minor changes in the following program, the new student should save it. She will find it useful.

#### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PROGRAM FALL, 1951

(Note—New students are required to report in the auditorium of George Washington Hall at 9:30 on Monday morning, September 17. It would be well if students who reside at a distance from Fredericksburg would plan to arrive at the college on Sunday, September 16, the first day that the dormitories will be opened to students. Dormitories open at 10 a. m. A cafeteria supper that evening will be the first meal served at the college. It will be served at 6 p. m. in Seacobeck Hall.)

Sunday, September 16  
6:30 P. M.—Step-sing at Willard.  
Monday, September 17  
7:15 to 7:45 A. M.—Cafeteria

style breakfast in Seacobeck.

9:30 to 10:00 A. M.—Organ Concert in George Washington Auditorium.

10:00 A. M.—Welcome by Dr. Morgan L. Combs, President of the College. The Academic Opportunities Offered at Mary Washington College by Dr. Edward Alvey, Dean of the College, George Washington Auditorium.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at Seacobeck Dining Hall.

2:00 P. M.—Conference with faculty advisers in designated locations in Monroe, Chandler or Washington Hall to discuss problems of scheduling and of courses to be pursued.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner at Seacobeck.

6:45 P. M.—Program presented by Student Government, Y. W. C. A. and Recreation Association in Monroe Auditorium.

Tuesday, September 18

7:15 to 7:45 A. M.—Cafeteria style breakfast in Seacobeck.

8:30 to 12:30 P. M.—Registration for classes in Monroe Hall.

1:00 P. M.—Luncheon at Seacobeck.

2:00 to 5:00 P. M.—Registration for classes.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner at Seacobeck.

7:00 P. M.—Addresses by Dean of Women and Dean of Freshmen in Monroe Auditorium. Beginning of Freshmen Training under the leadership of Student Government.

Wednesday, September 19  
9:30 A. M.—"Getting along with your roommate (a) and your professors," Dr. Eileen K. Dodd, Professor of Psychology. "Trinkle

Library" by Dr. C. H. Quenzel, Professor of Library Science. Tours of library and of Mendel Museum will start from the foyer at 11 A. M. and noon.

2:00 P. M.—The Honor System of Mary Washington College, George Washington Auditorium.

2:30 P. M.—Mary Washington College traditions by members of Cap and Gown Club.

3:30 P. M.—Sports Program, sponsored by the R. A. (optional)

5:00 P. M.—Freshman Training.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner at Seacobeck.

7:00 P. M.—Convocation in George Washington Auditorium.

Thursday, September 20

8:30 A. M.—Classes begin.

5:00 P. M.—Freshman Training.

7:00 P. M.—Party at cabin, sponsored by R. A.

Friday, September 21

5:00 P. M.—Freshman Training.

7:00 P. M.—Meeting of various denominational groups with ministers from town.

8:00 P. M.—Social Hour in Monroe Gymnasium.

Saturday, September 22

8:30 P. M.—Formal reception on Roof Garden, George Washington Hall, for new students only. (If rain, Hall of Mirrors.)

Sunday, September 23

11:00 A. M.—Big-Little Sister Church Day.  
5:00 P. M.—Vesper service at the amphitheatre, sponsored by Y. W. C. A., followed by bag supper picnic.

Monday, September 24

5:00 P. M.—Freshman Training Examination.

### Mrs. Wade Sends Letter to Freshmen

The college administrator who is the official friend and adviser of freshmen is Mrs. Seawright Wade, dean of freshmen. Mrs. Wade's message to freshmen is as follows:

"I am very happy that you are attending Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you. I have met a number of you when you were on the campus for the High School Week End or when you came by with your family. Some of you I talked with at your high school on one of my visits. There are others of you who are coming from far distant states and countries, and, of course, you have not had the pleasure of visiting the campus except through the view book and catalogue. You are probably wondering what it will be like to live in a dormitory with several hundred others. There will be an adjustment to be made, and you have a responsibility to try to fit into your new surroundings. Going away to college is a new experience; it is an outward sign that you have reached the age to accept responsibility. You will find class schedules give you much free time to use as you see fit, but if you do not learn to budget this time you will be amazed to discover you have wasted it.

A few days before school opens, incoming freshmen will receive a letter from the Dean of Freshmen containing last-minute information and your room assignment card. This card is your ticket of admission to your dormitory. Upon arrival, you will present this card to your hostess. Every effort will be made during the first days of school, as well as throughout the year, to make roommate adjustments for congeniality. It is not advisable for you to write to the Dean of Freshmen and request your dormitory room number or the names of the roommates with whom you have been placed. There is a tendency on the part of some freshmen to feel that they want to room with a particular member of their class. Insofar as possible we will try to respect these wishes, but we urge you to broaden your circle of friends by allowing us to assign roommates. It is the desire of the office of the Dean of Freshmen that your room situation very pleasant. If you find you are not congenial with your roommates, room

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By Alice Sichter, a Junior,  
Grosse Point, Michigan

Now that September and the first day of school at M. W. C. are just around the corner a lot of you incoming freshmen must have questions in your minds as to just what clothes to bring and as to what to do about furnishing your room.

The best advice to be given on the subject of room furnishing is to delay most of it until you can talk it over with your roommates after you get here. Things that you and your roommates will have fun picking out together will be bedspreads (easily laundered ones are the most popular), curtains, and a metal wastebasket. Some things that it is best to count on bringing with you for your room, though, are a dresser scarf, an alarm clock, about four single sheets and pillowcases, the same number of towels and washcloths,

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## Life At Mary Washington

By Morgan L. Combs, President

We are intensely interested in approving for admission to the college only those students who will be happy here and who can and will adjust themselves to the way of life at Mary Washington College. No student, therefore, should enter this college until she familiarizes herself thoroughly with the social standards, regulations, and traditions. It is obviously true that no college can adjust itself to the standards of individuals. Every student, therefore, is expected to adjust herself to the standards, regulations, and traditions of the college. In brief, all students are expected to conform to the accepted standards of refined womanhood.

The Honor System is a hallowed tradition and has been in effect over a hundred years at the University of Virginia. The Honor System implies that a student is trustworthy and will not violate her pledged word or commit a dishonest or dishonorable act in connection with her college life or classroom work. Every student entering the college is required to sign a pledge to the effect that she is familiar with the Honor System and that she will conform to that System so long as she is a student at this college. Students are expected to adhere to a high standard of conduct, and not need to be reminded constantly of detailed rules and regulations. The administrative authorities and members of the faculty rely upon the student's sense of honor and strive always to appeal to her better self.

Mary Washington is interested in life at its best and strives always to stimulate clear thinking, high ideals, and wholesome and gracious living. In this connection, we can do no better than to quote from a feature article on the college appearing in the Chicago Tribune: "The atmosphere is refreshing and youthful and rather gay. Academic standards are high and Mary Washington girls are '20th Century' in the ways that count and are most enchanting in young girls."

## An Opportunity and a Challenge

By Edward Alvey, Jr., Dean

To Members of the Freshman Class:

It is a pleasure to welcome you as students of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. I hope that you will enjoy your stay here and will take full advantage of the opportunities offered for liberal and cultural development.

Our records indicate that you have been successful in your high school work. You have been highly recommended by your principal and others. We have every reason to believe that you will be successful in college. However, it all depends upon you.

Education is a co-operative process. Both instructor and student have reciprocal responsibilities. Strictly speaking, all education is self-education in that it depends upon the interest, activity, and response of the learner. Learning cannot be "poured in" as water into a jug. The learner himself must be alert and respond. It is in him that the behavior patterns are established and those attitudes, appreciations, understandings, and abilities that are manifestations of "learning" or "education" are developed.

Consequently, I urge you to make the most of your opportunities here. The standard of accomplishment required is relatively high. And yet, every effort will be made to help you attain it. Before registration, faculty advisers will assist you in making the best selection of courses. They will also be glad to help you with problems that may arise throughout your freshman year. Consult them and seek their assistance.

Each of your instructors is ready to help you in making satisfactory progress in his course. Do not hesitate to ask his aid if you do not understand the assignments or if you are having difficulty with the work. Then, too, all of us in the administrative offices are at your service. Please let us know if we can help you.

I wish for all of you a happy and successful career in college. I hope that four years from now we may number you among the ever-increasing list of graduates at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, a group of young women who have sought as their goal intellectual development, scholarly attainment, and social and moral responsibility.

## Campus Chest Aids Worthy Causes; Students' Support Is Voluntary

The Mary Washington Campus Chest was organized as a convenience for the college girls because it is a consolidation of all philanthropic drives on the hill except the Red Cross. Instead of having to contribute to many small drives during the year, Campus Chest conducts one large drive and the money is divided among worthy organizations which do good all over the world.

The most important receptor of Campus Chest contributions is the World Student Service Fund which furnishes help entirely to students of other countries who are in need of aid. The W. S. S. F. send food, clothing, books, medical supplies and other necessities to men and women of our own age who do not have the educational opportunities that we do.

Campus Chest sends money also to the Infantile Paralysis Fund and the Tuberculosis Association, both

of which need no further word to describe their worth. The Campus Y. W. C. A. receives one hundred dollars every year to help in its work in Fredericksburg and in our own college. C. C. is contributing to the Cancer Fund which we feel is important for the welfare of ourselves and our families in the future.

Myra Burr Anderson, Miami Beach, Florida, is Campus Chest Chairman for 1951-'52 session.

## Mrs. Wade Sends Letter To Freshmen

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changes will be made until you are happy.

I want you to feel that I am a special friend who is always anxious to help you straighten out your roommate problems, your class difficulties, and the hundred and one questions that confront college freshmen."

## College Officials You Will Want To Know



Left to right—Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., Dean of the College; Mrs. John C. Russell, Director of Student Personnel; Dr. Morgan L. Combs, President of the College; Mrs. Seawright Wade, Dean of Freshmen; and Miss Mary Ellen Stephenson, Dean of Women.

## "Get Acquainted" Course To Be Given Freshman

The first meeting of the course will take place at 9:30 A. M. on Wednesday, September 20, in the auditorium of George Washington Hall and subsequent meetings are to be held at 12:30 P. M. on Thursdays in G. W. auditorium. Every new student will be required to attend. The topics to be discussed follow:

Sept. 19—How to adjust to your roommate (s) and your professors. Facilities afforded by Trinkle Library.

Sept. 27—Club information—to make club exhibit that evening more meaningful.

Oct. 5—How to study presented by student leaders.

Oct. 12—Meet with faculty advisers for an informal discussion of college experiences to date.

Oct. 19—How to take advantage of the cultural opportunities afforded by college life. Presented by student leaders in art, music, drama, etc.

Oct. 25—Presentation of factors to be considered in choosing class officers. (Presented by Student Government.)

Nov. 1—Election of Class Officers.

Nov. 8—The history of MWC.

Nov. 15—Alumnae Dramatization showing opportunities for girls majoring in Chemistry; Biology; Pre-Medical Sciences; Philosophy; Home Economics; Physical Education, Health and Recreation; and Mathematics.

Nov. 29—Dramatization stressing the opportunities for girls majoring in Psychology; History and Political Science; English; Early Humanities; Economics and Business Administration; Art; American Ideals and Institutions.

Dec. 6—Opportunities offered to girls majoring in Dramatic Arts and Speech; Radio; Foreign Language; Music; Sociology; Pre-Nursing; Elementary Education.

## Room Furnishings

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a few blankets, a shoe bag, and a clothing bag. Non-essentials that you will enjoy having are a study pillow, stuffed animals for your bed, a study lamp, an extension cord, two laundry bags, pennants, pictures and your high school yearbook. A rack on which to dry clothing, a deck of cards, and a bulletin board on which to pin pictures, and mementos are useful.

## College Calendar 1951-1952

Dormitories open Sunday, September 16.

Thanksgiving holidays after classes Wednesday, Nov. 21 to first class Monday, Nov. 26.

Christmas holidays after classes Saturday, Dec. 15 to first class Thursday, Jan. 3.

Between semesters holiday after last exam Thursday, Jan. 31 to first class Monday, Feb. 4.

Spring holidays after classes Thursday, April 10 to first class Wednesday, April 16.

Graduating Exercises Monday, June 1.

## Clothes Needed

In the way of clothes, the biggest thing to remember is not to bring too much clothing. Your closet space will be limited! The first two weeks of school cottons will be worn so bring a few, but wait until spring to bring most of them. About the second week of October sweaters and skirts begin to appear on campus and they are in vogue until after spring vacation. If you are buying, many girls prefer sweaters to blouses because they are easier to take care of (don't forget you'll probably be doing a lot of your own laundry!). Some girls like boys' shirts for campus wear because they are neat and can be sent to the laundry. All kinds of sweaters are seen, but cardigans are especially popular for spring and fall over cottons. A sports jacket is a nice extra for campus wear.

Musts here in Fredericksburg are raincoats (slickers are popular), boots, and headgear for the rain. Headgear varies from scarves and hoods to rain hats and sailor hats and generally includes combinations of these. Comfortable shoes for campus wear are also very important in a college girl's wardrobe. Saddle oxfords, loafers, and suede oxfords are worn. To go with these are white bobby socks and six pairs are ample. Tailored cotton, rayon, or nylon undies are best, again because you will probably be washing and ironing them. Again, six sets are a good number at least to begin with, but like everything else this varies with the individual.

In the dorm, tailored cotton or nylon pajamas are good (three pairs are enough), plus a robe or Tommy coat and soft-soled bedroom slippers (hard soles are likely to disturb others with their noise).

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## MWC Week-ends Are Enjoyable

Although it is true that we study hard during the week, week-ends are gala occasions at Mary Washington.

Next to May Day weekend (the wonders of which you can only learn for yourself) the formal dance weekends are the most important. This year we had the orchestras of Claude Thornhill and Tommy Tucker. You'll find yourselves so caught up in the excitement of tea dances, concerts, dinners in town, and the formal itself in our beautiful Hall of Mirrors that it seems as if you're in a dream—and what a never-to-be-forgotten dream!

But formal dances are not the only kind we have here. There are also many informals scattered throughout the year. If you haven't a date, then here's the place to get one because fellows come from far and near—without dates! You'd be surprised how many bids to U. Va., Randolph Macon, V. P. I., W. & L., and other schools are made at these informals. Occasionally we have square dances, too—which are always full of fun.

Of no small importance are the tea dance trips to Annapolis and the University of Virginia that girls from Mary Washington make. Everyone has a chance to go and meet that one—and only midshipman or cavalier.

When our feet get tired, we turn to other means of entertainment on a week-end. The pride of M. W. C. is her benefits. Y. W. C. A., R. A., and each class present one each year. Be sure to come to school with your song or dance routine because everyone takes part. For those of us who aren't too talented, there is always scenery to be painted, lights to work, or programs to be written and passed out.

M. W. C.'s cavalry and Hoofbeats Club present fine horse-shows, the Terrapin Club has its annual Aquacade, M. W. C. Players present wonderful plays, and girls here on the hill play many exciting games of basketball, baseball, tennis, and field-hockey.

When you're all out of things to do you'll find a good movie in George Washington Auditorium. So you see, there's never a dull moment. Come to Mary Washington all set for lots of fun—because that's what's in store for you!!!

Mary Ann Fox,  
Sutton, W. Va.

## S. G. A. President Explains Purpose Of Organization

To The Class of '55:

The Student Government Association welcomes you most heartily to the "Hill"! It is our wish that your college career will be a rewarding experience.

When you enter Mary Washington College, each of you will become a member of the Student Government Association. This will be an essential part of your life as a student. Through Student Government, you will have an excellent opportunity to become future citizens who will be capable of making worthy contributions to society. A college government, such as ours, places emphasis on the acceptance of individual responsibility and cooperation—two things which are integral parts of group living. I want you to know that we feel that you, as newcomers to the campus, can better Student Government with your interests and new ideas. This is your Student Government. Yours to uphold!

The Student Council, the executive body of the Student Government Association, holds its weekly meeting on Monday night. Here plans are discussed and cases are tried, should there be any infractions of rules and regulations. You will probably shudder at the sound of rules, but these are here for your own benefit. If we want a well organized community, rules are inevitable.

On your arrival, you will be given a handbook, the Bayonet, which consists of rules and regulations. I wish that we could send one of these to you before your arrival, but the annual revision of the Bayonet prevents our so doing. After the Bayonet has been reviewed and approved, the calendar points out that September is here, and so are you! Freshman Orientation, administered by upper classmen counselors, will give you a clear understanding of Mary Washington College, its traditions, and its regulations.



GWENDOLYN AMORY, the president of Student Government, is majoring in psychology. She has been active in the Mike Club, Battlefield, Y. W. C. A. Her home is Hampton, Virginia.

I expect '51-'52 to be a terrific year. The Student Body, cooperating with Administration and Faculty, can help to achieve this by aiming for the same goal, that of making Mary Washington a better college.

Again I welcome you, Class of '55. Make Mary Washington your Mary Washington, the one which you have anticipated!

Gwen Amory,  
President of S. G. A.

## M. W. C. Bus Enjoyed

Mary Washington College has its own modern, air-conditioned bus with thirty-seven reclining seats. This bus is used to enrich class instruction. Art students use it to visit galleries in Washington; science students go to the Smithsonian; music students attend concerts in Washington and Richmond; psychology students visit

## Y.W.C.A. President Outlines Activities Of Special Interest To New Students

Dear Freshman:

To you Y. W. C. A. sends a warm welcome! You as a freshman at M. W. C. will soon begin your journey toward what we hope will be the beginning of the happiest years of your life. We want to extend a most hearty welcome to you, and to say that we are eagerly looking forward to meeting you, being friends with you, and working with you.

When the big day arrives, you will find yourself eager to be off to M.W.C., and upon your arrival you will find us equally eager to meet you. No matter whether you come by car, train, or bus, there will be Y. W. C. A. girls, dressed in white and wearing "Y" emblems, to greet you and to help you in any way they can. You cannot miss them!

Sometime this summer you will be hearing from your "Big Sister." She is an upperclassman who wants to be your friend and adviser. During the entire year she will help you in any way she can. The following Sunday after you arrive is known as Big Sister Church Day. It is customary for the Big Sisters to take their Little Sisters to church. Another Big-Little Sister affair is the Kid Party. The party is anticipated with enthusiasm by students and faculty alike. All freshmen dressed as little girls, compete for first prize. The "kids" parade before judges who choose the most typical "little girl" on the basis of child-like simplicity of dress. Be sure to bring your most child-like costume for the Kid Party—it is loads of fun.

The very day you arrive you will want to get your Freshman hat for Mouse Week. You will wear the hat from the day you get here until the big school pep rally when you may take off your hats, then being fully "initiated"

## Junior and Senior Student Counselors Prove Valuable Aid To New Students

To help freshmen through the adjustment between high school and college, Mary Washington College has initiated a plan of having an upperclass counselor for every six new students. These student counselors have been selected by the officers and cabinets of Student Government, Y. W. C. A., and Recreation Associations with the approval of Mrs. Russell, Director of Student Personnel, Miss Stephenson, Dean of Women, and Mrs. Wade, Dean of Freshmen.

When the new girls arrive on Sunday, September 16, the counselors will be on hand so that they may call immediately providing them with answers to any questions that may arise and seeing that they become an integral part of the student body. The student counselors will help their advisees get settled in their dormitories, let them know about the regulations, teach them the college songs, give them practical suggestions on how to get the most out of study hours, encourage them when the first exams come along, discuss various club opportunities, and be an all round help to the new girls. The Student Counselors proved such a tremendous success during the 1950-'51 session that their continuance was urged.

state institutions; and all students may go on historic and cultural tours that are arranged by the college. Between semesters a conducted tour to New York City was arranged for Mary Washington College students at a nominal cost.

The bus attended all the concerts at the Mosque in Richmond of the Richmond Celebrity series. Two of the popular trips in the fall were Sunday excursions to the Sky-line Drive when the foliage was at its best and the visit to see Williamsburg with its restorations of Colonial buildings.



NANCY STUMP MOTLEY, the president of Y. W. C. A., is majoring in English. She has been active in the Athenaeum Club, Romance Language Honorary Club, and is a member of Cap and Gown. Her home is Hollins, Va.

into M.W.C. If you do not wear your hat, an upperclassman will be right after you to do some small chores. Do not be discouraged; you will have your chance to get back at the upperclassmen!

## Honor Code Is Hallowed Tradition

Dear Freshmen,

A hearty welcome to all of you! We are so very glad that you have decided to become a part of our student body.

One of the traditions of Mary Washington College which affects all of our campus activities is the Honor System. Under this system, we uphold and strengthen the high principles of honor, that we have developed in our homes, churches, and communities. This tradition is a part of us, not only while we are here at college, but also, it should become an integral part of us in every walk of life. It is something that is alive, and we feel it is a great factor in the molding of our character.

The Honor System was adopted from the University of Virginia where it has been used successfully for many years. This system is a student code, interpreted and administered by the student body. We know that you will have the same spirit toward our Honor System as each of us has. It is something to feel proud of and to guard zealously.

We will explain more fully this plan when we see you in September.

You will also find interest in the Freshman Commission groups. These are composed of twelve to fifteen freshmen under the leadership of a junior or senior. Besides becoming familiar with the functions of "Y" these groups meet often during first semester and have picnics, parties, and other forms of entertainment. Each group makes a doll or a toy which is entered in the Freshman Doll Show, and at Christmas time is given to some needy child in the community.

A week before the Christmas holiday comes the traditional Peanut Week. You will hear more about that later on. Later in the year comes a more serious occasion—a week of religious emphasis. During this time Y. W. C. A. brings to the campus religious speakers to counsel and to inspire the entire student body.

In addition to these activities, there are many others—convocations, chapel programs, teas, seminars, and vespers which are held nightly in each dormitory.

Nancy Stump Motley,  
President Y. W. C. A.  
P.S.—If you haven't received a letter from your Big Sister by August 24th, please notify Nancy Parker, Whaleyville, Va.



JANET HEILMANN, the chairman of Honor Council, is majoring in psychology. She has been active in Student Government, Spanish Club and is a member of Cap and Gown. Her home is Chevy Chase, Md.

ber, and we know we will have your entire cooperation.

Welcome once more—every one of you—to Mary Washington College.

Sincerely,  
Janet Heilmann,  
Chairman of Honor Council

## Publications Reflect Martial Background

The publications at Mary Washington College are called the **Bullet**, the **Battlefield**, the **Bayonet**, and the **Epaulet**. From these names you might get the impression that MWC is militaristic. It isn't. Fredericksburg is very historic and Mary Washington is situated in the area where one of the battles of Fredericksburg took place. Therefore the names of our publications.

The **Bullet**, a six-page paper, comes out weekly except during exams and the week after holidays. It covers the current activities of faculty and students. Suggestions from students are always welcomed by your editor, Shirley King, of Portsmouth, Virginia.

The **Bayonet** is Mary Washington's handbook of rules. The rules look formidable at first reading, but you will find that they are common sense written down, so plan to keep your **Bayonet** handy for consultation. Copies will be given to you when you arrive.

The **Epaulet**, the literary magazine on the Hill, contains literary compositions from poems to short stories. Contributions are welcomed from all classes. The editor is Catherine Jones of Birmingham, Alabama.

ham, Alabama.

The **Battlefield** is the MWC yearbook and portrays one year at the college. It is distributed about two weeks before school closes so that you can get the signatures of all your professors and friends. The editor is Joan Britten of Middletown, Connecticut.

You can subscribe to these publications when you get here. The **Bullet**, **Epaulet**, and **Battlefield** need assistance and you Freshmen always have good ideas. So those of you who have an interest in publications contact one of the editors. You don't have to be an expert writer (or even a writer, for you can work on circulation or advertising). You just need an interest in working with printed material.

An easy way of remembering our publications is: the newspaper is the **Bullet** because it comes to you hot off the press each week with the latest news. The rule book is the **Bayonet**, it sticks to you to keep you out of trouble. The magazine contains our high brow literary efforts and so the name **Epaulet** is appropriate. Then the annual covers the activities of the whole year, so it has the fitting title of the **Battlefield**.

## Welcome Freshmen

The Recreation Association is looking forward to welcoming each of you to Mary Washington College as members of the class of '55. Be prepared for one of the most exciting years of your college life. R. A. has big things in store for you, and our activities get under way with a bang the first week of college. All of you will be members of the Recreation Association—R. A. for short—so jump on the bandwagon your opening week of school and stay on for four years filled with good times.

R. A. offers and sponsors all kinds of recreation whether it be social, creative, or athletic. We aim for fun at its best with a social calendar of square dances, cabin parties (over-nights), picnics, informal dances, step-sings, and our gala Hallowe'en Benefit. By the way, our talent scouts will be on the lookout for any likely performers early in the Fall.

Favorite pastimes have proved to be bowling, sleigh-riding, ice-skating, and recreational swimming at either the outdoor or indoor pool. But now, on to what we have planned for you during your first few weeks of college.

First look for the girl in white with the R. A. band on her arm. She'll be glad to answer your questions and eager to carry your heavy suitcase! No kidding, we want to help in any way possible, so please don't hesitate whenever you are in doubt about anything. Stop by for the step-sing on Willard steps right after dinner Sunday evening and for our first big get-together Monday night in the gym.

On Wednesday afternoon take a stroll down to the game fields and watch the general exhibition of some of our activities, so that if you decide to join some of our clubs, you'll have an idea of what each one does. There will be tennis and archery matches and fencing bouts. The Modern Dance Club will perform on the green and Terrapin Club will present a water ballet with some exhibition diving at the pool. The hockey group will conduct a short scrimmage. And then on the stables where Hoofbeats Club will show you the latest in equitation and jumping along with a conical scene on How Not To Ride a Horse!

Then in October we present our big Benefit, full of spooks, witches, scares and laughs. Later on comes our annual Freshmen Tea, and throughout the year we have Square dances, volley-ball, ping-pong, basketball, and badminton tournaments to help speed along the winter months.



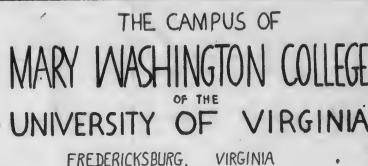
CAROL RING, the president of R. A., is majoring in psychology. She has been active in Mike Club, Y. W. C. A., and R. A. Her home is Baltimore, Md.

In the Spring sudden bedlam breaks loose on the campus. The Devil-Goat rivalry for the year reaches its peak. The winner is announced at a gigantic rally, the culmination of intra-mural sports competition for the year.

By the way, all of you will be Devils come Fall. Girls entering M. W. C. on odd years are Devils and those entering on even years are Goats. The Devil colors are red and white. The Devils have quite a feather in their cap to

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Betty Lewis Hall is a dormitory housing juniors and sophomores. It is named for George Washington's sister, Betty Washington Lewis, who inherited from her husband the land on which the college is situated. Cornell Hall accom-

Brompton, the home of the President of Mary Washington College is a Colonial brick mansion

Baggage checks for trunks, suitcases, etc., should be presented at the office of the Dean of Women. These items will then be delivered to the dormitory to which the student has been assigned.

And, finally, a word about allowances. You are probably wondering how much spending money you will need. Again, it depends on the individual girl, but most Mary Washington students receive between five and twenty five dollars a month for snacks in the C Shoppe, paper, ink, an occasional movie and incidentals.

Best of everything to all of you during your next four years—the years which you can make the best years of your lives.

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